

Amendment to the Specification:

Page 6, second paragraph, is amended as follows:

A1
In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the tablet is relatively soft, having a hardness in the range of about 1 to 4 kp/cm². In this embodiment, the tablet is made using a novel compression process and apparatus, which is described in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Application No. _____ (attorney docket number MCP 293)09/966,509 filed September 28, 2001.

Page 7, first full paragraph, is amended as follows:

A2
Preferably, the insert is a solid material. It may be produced and embedded in the tablet by methods known in the art. For example the insert may be made by direct compression, followed by compression of the remaining tablet ingredients (as a powder) around the insert. Alternatively, the insert may be made using a thermal setting molding module as described in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Application No.

_____ (attorney docket number MCP 296)09/966,450 filed September 28, 2001. In particular, a starting material in flowable form, for example comprising a thermal setting polymer and an active ingredient, is introduced into a molding chamber within the thermal setting molding module. The starting material is cooled and solidified within the chamber. It is then transferred into a volume of powder comprising the remaining tablet ingredients, which are compressed around the insert.

Pages 10-11, bridging paragraph, is amended as follows:

A3
The insert is made using a thermal setting molding module comprising a molding chamber as described in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Application No.

_____ (attorney docket number MCP 296)09/966,450 filed September 28, 2001. Starting material comprising a mixture of pseudoephedrine HCl and molten polyethylene glycol is fed to the molding chamber. The starting material is cooled and solidified within the molding chamber. It is then transferred to the mixture of tablet ingredients prior to compression in the Betapress.